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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT

1. DURING AN INTRODUCTORY CALL SEPTEMBER 24 ON THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SCIENCE COUNSELORS BOEBNER AND GREENBERG WERE INFORMED BY AYKAZYAN THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S. OCT 26- NOV 7. AYKAZYAN SAID THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO CONFER WITH ROOT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE S&T JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, HOWEVER, HE ALSO HOPES TO PARTICIPATE IN A PORTION OF THE SKLYAROV DELEGATION VISIT (SCIENCE POLICY; PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT) WHICH WILL BE IN THE U.S. AT THAT TIME.

2. AYKAZYAN SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO AN EARLY AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE S&T MEETING, AND WILL TRANSMIT THE LIST OF SOVIET PRIORITIES THROUGH THE EMBASSY, SHOULD THEY BE READY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

3. AYKAZYAN SAID THE SOVIETS ARE EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO HAVE CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THE S&T AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES, NOTING THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NO CENTRAL SUPPORT FOR THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR PARTICIPATING INSTITUTES TO CONTINUE TO JUSTIFY COST OF DELEGATION VISITS, ETC., IN AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE

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HE CONTRASTED THIS TO THE SITUATION ON THE U.S. SIDE,  
ASSERTING THAT THE NSF HAS A CENTRAL FUND FOR SUCH SUPPORT.  
EMBOFFS RESPONDED THAT U.S. FUNDING PROBLEMS ARE NOT ESSENTIALLY  
DIFFERENT, AND THAT WE HAVE AT LEAST AS HIGH AN INTEREST AS THE  
SOVIETS IN SEEING CONCRETE RESULTS.

4. ON THE MATTER OF WHAT TO DO WITH UNPRODUCTIVE TOPICS,  
AYKAZYAN OPINED IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO HAVE THEM FORMALLY DROPPED  
SINCE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THERE IS A CHANGE COOPERATIO  
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MIGHT BLOSSOM SOMETIME HENCE. CONTACTS IN THISE AREAS COULD BE  
MAINTAINED THROUGH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, OCCASIONAL SYMPOSIA,  
ETC. HOWEVER, AYKAZYAN STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE BULK OF FUNDING  
AND ATTENTION IN THE S&T AGREEMENT MUST BE PUT ON AREAS WHICH HAVE  
DEMONSTRATED THE HIGHEST POTENTIAL FOR REAL JOINT WORK.  
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